

THE REX CAPTURED BY JACK ATKINS

A Five-to-One Shot Gets Off with the Coin in the Big Handicap.

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—Hot weather brought out a large crowd at the Fair Grounds races to-day. The Rex Handicap, \$2,000, was won by a neck by Jack Atkins, carrying top weight, 125 pounds. The winner was held at 5 to 1 at post time. Old Lady, at 10 to 1, was second, and Yankee Girl, at 15 to 1, was third. Two favorites won during the day. The weather was clear; the track fast.

First race—three and one-half furlongs—Arlonette (9 to 2) first, Tony W. (7 to 2) second, Serenade (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:13.5.
Second race—five furlongs, selling—Shirley Rosemore (13 to 5) first, Linda Lake (20 to 1) second, Earle Malt (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:14.5.
Third race—six furlongs, selling—Gold Proof (8 to 5) first, Quadrille (7 to 2) second, Bellweather (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:15.5.
Fourth race—mile and an eighth, the Rex Handicap—Jack Atkins (5 to 1) first, Old Lady (10 to 1) second, Yankee Girl (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:34.5.
Fifth race—mile and a sixteenth—Severus (2 to 1) first, Sainseval (5 to 1) second, St. Hario (8 to 5) third. Time, 1:43.5.
Sixth race—seven furlongs, selling—Helm (8 to 1) first, Lady Esther (even) second, Miss Strome (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:24.5.
Seventh race—mile and an eighth, selling—Jack Witt (4 to 1) first, George Bailey (10 to 1) second, Flowaway (25 to 1) third. Time, 1:34.5.

Sporting Letters

The sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch will gladly answer in these columns any questions regarding sporting matters. Communications on sporting subjects will also be printed, and comments will be made, Address Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch.

Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch:
Sir—I will appreciate it very much if you will publish the following schedule.

Bethel Military Academy's Strong Schedule.
Manager Styles has arranged the following schedule for the Bethel Military Academy baseball team for the coming season. Arrangements are being made for several other games:
March 24th—University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, Va.
April 4th—McKinley High of Washington, at Warrenton, Va.
April 11th—Locust Dale Academy, at Orange, Va.
April 14th—Baltimore City College, at Warrenton, Va.
April 20th—Massachusetts Academy, at Woodstock, Va.
April 23d—Western High School of Washington, at Warrenton, Va.
April 25th—Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal, Va.
May 4th—Randolph-Macon Academy, at Warrenton, Va.
May 5th—Woodberry-Forest, at Orange, Va.
May 15th—Deleplane, at Warrenton, Va.
May 23d—Western High School, at Washington, D. C.
May 26th—Open.
June 2d—Open.
Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I remain,
Very truly yours,
CAPT. C. SKYLES,
Manager Bethel Academy Baseball Team.
Warrenton, Va., March 2, 1908.

WON'T FIGHT FOR SYNDICATE.

Johnson Wants Match Before the National Sporting Club.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 3.—Jack Johnson will not meet Tommy Burns in England unless the contest is held before the National Sporting Club of London. "We don't want any syndicate game for ours," says Sam Fitzpatrick, who is acting as Johnson's manager.

"If Burns can get an offer from the National Sporting Club for a contest with Johnson, we are ready to accept the terms, whatever they may be," said Fitzpatrick.

"I do not take any stock in the recent offer of the English syndicate which had a Mr. Kelly as its spokesman. If the National Sporting Club bids for the fight we are willing to let the \$250,000 now up as a forfeit go as a side bet. We put this money up for Burns to cover, if he was in good faith when he expressed his willingness to meet Johnson."

Prophet III. Appears at Last.

Entered for the third time in the Foxhall Grand National Steeplechase, Liverpool, Kentucky, the Prophet III. was shown under colors. He ran at Hurst Park a few days ago and finished a bad last. It was a start under silk anyway, and his first, although he is now ten years of age. His existence was almost doubted on this side of the water, because his numerous nobilities were the only indication that there was such a horse. His debut finally came, however, although with a lack of distinction, since the horse that he was never in the hunt.

Otto Goes to Rochester.

NEW YORK, March 3.—President Pullman, at the National League, to-day announced that Otto, formerly of the Norfolk (Va.) club,

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WINNING BOBSLED RACE



In an international bobsledding competition held at Davos, Switzerland, in February, Mr. Lewis Vernon-Harcourt, the first Commissioner of Works in the Ministry of the British government, won with his three companions on his bobsled Casio, the cup which bears the name of the German Emperor. This race, which is an international competition, is considered one of the blue ribbon contests of the Schanitz Road. The photograph above the Casio in its descent of the course. Mr. Vernon-Harcourt occupies the position of steerer in front. The race was done in the quick time of five minutes fourteen seconds. The cup is a silver trophy, founded by the Davos German Club, and by special permission of the Kaiser bears his name. Among the competitors in this race was the Prince of Sachsen-Weimar.

March 4th in the Annals of Sport.

1870—F. S. Hewitt credited with running 100 yards on the grass at Melbourne, Australia, in .093.
1880—At Jackson, Miss.: Tennessee (5) defeated Mississippi (7) in inter-state football.
1887—At Philadelphia: Jack McAuliffe and Jimmy Mitchell fought four rounds to a draw.
1892—At Chicago: C. W. Budd defeated E. D. Fulford in 100 live-bird wrestling.
1893—At St. Paul, A. D. Smith, in time trial, skated 24 miles 3,874.6 feet in 1h. 29m. 57s.
1898—At Hot Springs: "Kid" McCoy knocked out Nick West in second round.
1901—At Louisville: Tommy Ryan won from Tommy West in seventeen rounds.
1904—At Milwaukee: Charley Neary defeated Louie Long in six rounds.

AMERICAN CARS FARE ILL AT ORMOND RACES

ORMOND, ILL., March 3.—Slow times and a series of accidents have marred the racing at Ormond Beach here to-day, opening the sixteenth annual tournament under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America. In the 100-mile event, Cedrino, driving a sixty-horse power Italian car, Blakely, driving a 120-horse power American car, and Shefts, with an American car of 120-horse power, started. The car driven by Shefts went out of the running before a quarter mile had been traversed, but half an hour later took the race again. The other American car went out at the ten-mile turn, and Cedrino finished the race alone. His time was one hour, fifty minutes, and twenty seconds, slower than the record, which is one hour, fifteen minutes and forty seconds. Cedrino ran sixty miles on three tires and a rim, and from his credited time a total of about twenty-five minutes, was spent in repairs.

The 100-mile event for Stock Chassis was won by Louis J. Bergdol, driving an eighty-horse power German car.

Bergdol covered the course in 2 hours and 15 minutes, and was the nearest competitor.

The summary follows:
100 miles—for Minneapolis Cup—won by Cedrino, 60-horse power Italian car. Times at laps: Twenty-five miles, 26 minutes 39.45 seconds; fifty miles, 56 minutes 5 seconds; seventy-five miles, 85 minutes 5 seconds; finish, 1h. 56m. 29 seconds. Shefts and Blakely did not finish.

150-mile Stock Chassis—won by Bergdol, 80-horse power German car. Times at laps: Twenty-five miles, 51 minutes 15 seconds; fifty miles, 61 minutes 2 seconds; seventy-five miles, 85 minutes 32 seconds; finish, 1h. 56m. 29 seconds. Shefts and Blakely did not finish.

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HANCOCK SPEAKS FOR RACING BILL

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racing season in New York in 1907 the pool-rooms were able to get information for less than forty hours during the whole season when it would be of any use to them, and that betting in the pool-rooms, acknowledged to be the greatest of gambling evils, was practically abolished by the assistance of the Jockey Club during that period. So the Gray-Perry bill, which was passed as a reform measure, has diminished and helps to regulate gambling in New York. Instead of promoting it, and is so endorsed by ministers of the gospel, who are thoroughly acquainted with the situation there.

Evidently, too, from Mr. Mackey's paragraph, "Such is the lamentable state of race-track gambling in Virginia at this time," etc., he is having a taste right now of the pool-room situation that he did not have much cause to complain of them during the New York racing season in 1907, from April 15th to November 15th. For the reason that the New York Jockey Club operating under the Gray-Perry bill, would not let the telegraph companies have any information of any kind from the pool-rooms. The Virginia Breeders' Association wish to imitate the Jockey Club in New York as far as possible, and try to help regulate gambling on races, as there has not yet been found a way to prohibit it, and while we are having all of its evils at present in the State, it is to get some of the many benefits gained by holding and encouraging agricultural fairs, hunt club meetings and race meetings of short durations in any town that wishes them.

Some of those benefits can be estimated by the following statement of Mr. James H. Keene, whom the United States Mr. Keene says:

"Governor Hughes proposes by his measure practically to destroy from \$60,000,000 to \$80,000,000 of racing property in this and adjoining States, throw out of employment from \$600 to \$2,000 persons engaged in the thoroughbred industry, and deprive New York of its chief spring and summer pleasure."

"I am inclined to think that the public has but a faint conception of the business advantages of the race-tracks of New York and of the loss of revenue to the city and the loss of the closing of the tracks. I have taken the trouble to make pretty careful calculations as to what this revenue is, and I find the New York business public is benefitted annually in a sum from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. In the first place, there are 3,500 horses in training in New York State, and we who have a money for each animal kept. The money dispersed in the maintenance of the horses in training, counting the cost of labor, feed and the innumerable other items, is not less than \$4,000,000 a year.

"Then we find that 2,000,000 persons pass through the gates of the race-tracks each year, and in addition to these we have the money dispersed by the 700,000 or 800,000 visitors who come to New York each season from all points in the country, and to whom the races are one of the chief attractions. As nearly as can be estimated, these visitors, some of whom come from foreign countries, spend not less than \$10,000,000 while in New York. This money goes to the hotels, restaurants and other business concerns. Every one in the trade gets a part of it. Every merchant realizes this.

"It is a serious matter to reduce the money that flows into the State by a vast sum as \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000. In the mind of any man familiar with the racing of high-class horses there is no question as to the driving power of many of the horses we have on the New York tracks. There is not the slightest doubt that Colin alone brought into New York at least \$20,000,000 from visitors who came here to see this remarkable thoroughbred."

Of these 700,000 or 800,000 who visit New York and spend their money many are Virginians and other Southerners, who would patronize our fairs and race meetings if conducted on the same high plane.

In regard to Mr. Mackey's statements that the following letter from a minister of the gospel will answer them:

Minister's Letter.
The following letter from Rev. F. W. Dotzauer, rector at Queens, L. I., has been sent to Governor Hughes and also to the chairman of the Codes Committee at Albany:

"Dear Sir:—I wish to add my word to that of Rev. D. J. McCarthy, rector of St. Mark's Church, Sheephead Bay, when he speaks so highly of the men engaged in the racing business.

"Since the advent of Belmont Park, in Queens, a large number of these men have faithfully attended the church under my charge, at the track and elsewhere on my priestly duties I have come in close contact with them, and have found them as honorable and upright and as honest and sincere in their dealings with God and man as any body or class of men in our society. Furthermore, I know of no class that is more ready to extend the hand of charity to a friend in need or a class more willing to support the church or institutions of a like nature. As well as this, the truth so well known as this would seem hardly necessary were it not for the fact that at the present time there are men in our State who, in their denunciation of race-tracks, denounce all connected with it. Such a stand is wrong, not only in the matter of fact, but in the manner of making it, and in having a tendency to deny means of livelihood to thousands in

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—The central board of officials of the American Inter-Collegiate Football Rules Committee will meet in a few days at the meeting of all the managers of college football events in the East and South, to be held in this city toward the end of the month.

Interpretation of rules and selection of a list of football officials will be among the matters taken up.

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